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## **Lawmakers announce M-150/Rochester Road project is a ‘go’**

*Transportation project will mean smoother, safer travel*

**LANSING**—Legislative Republicans today announced an agreement had been reached with the governor’s office to restore or advance transportation projects that will provide jobs and economic opportunities for many communities statewide.

The projects include congestion relief, safety improvements, public transportation initiatives and recreational facilities.

State Sen. Mike Bishop said the agreement is good news for the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District because it will provide better travel on M-150/Rochester Road.

“Everyone knows about the bad shape of the roads in my district,” said Bishop, R-Rochester. “This transportation plan will be a welcome relief for those traveling on Rochester Road from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Northwood Street.”

Within the next five years, a stretch of M-150/Rochester Road will be milled and resurfaced. This project was initially removed from the Michigan Department of Transportation’s five-year plan by the governor, but it has now been reinserted into the budget.

“Oakland County is a high-growth area that deserves additional funding to keep our roads safe,” said state Rep. John Garfield, R-Rochester Hills. “This improvement project is great news for the area because it will provide local motorists with a smoother and safer drive, as well as help the local economy through job creation.”

Gov. Granholm said: “Today’s announcement is about driving job creation in Michigan and paving the way for growth all across our state. From going anywhere and doing anything to attract jobs to Michigan, to investing in the infrastructure that supports commerce, we have a targeted economic road map, and it’s moving Michigan in the right direction.”

The lawmakers will implement the legislation needed for these projects in the next few weeks.

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